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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 6, 2008, the time for response extending to November 6, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.

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